

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m, via Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Michele Gonzales; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors: Grace Vinson, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: park & ride grant

Public Comment: none

Minutes: Approved the minutes of June 1, 2021 with the correction of one typo

Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Board continued their work on the mitigation plan with Grace Vinson from CVRPC. She will have a draft available on Thursday afternoon. They worked on mitigation goals and plans, and discussed the maintenance process. The plan will be put out for public comment on Monday.

COVID-19 update: The Old Schoolhouse Common is back to normal operations, but a mask is still required for those visiting the acupuncture office downstairs.

Library Grant: Susan explained that Jaquith, Cabot, and Cutler libraries applied for a grant to do a summer activities program that will include an after-camp program for kids Kindergarten to age 12. They are going to need to set up a tent at the Old Schoolhouse Common in case of rain. Michele suggested putting the tent where the pavilion might go, so that the location can be tested.

Library Porch: The Board is still looking for an engineer to look over the plans. It doesn't look like it will happen quickly.

ARPA: The Board authorized Bobbi to apply for the funds. The Town is eligible for \$128,033. We will have a few years to spend it.

CTCL Grant: Rich moved to purchase a laptop, camera, and large screen, to allow for remote viewing of ballot counting. This would be eligible under the grant. Chris seconded – all in favor. The equipment will also allow for hybrid meetings in the future.

Grants-In-Aid: Chris moved to authorize Bobbi to send a letter of intent for the Grants-In-Aid program for 2021/2022. Rich seconded – all in favor.

Traffic Control: The Board tabled the Sheriff's contract until next week, until after the traffic ordinance is reviewed.

Land Records: Rich moved to approve the contract with Cott Systems and to authorize Bobbi to sign it. Chris seconded – all in favor. The funds to pay for the system come out of the records restoration fund.

Basketball court: Chris moved to approve the contract with Dale Brown for the basketball court sitework, and authorized Bobbi to sign it. Rich seconded – all in favor.

School Street Bridge: Rich moved to approve the contract with Ruggles Engineering and have Bobbi sign it. Chris seconded – all in favor. Rich moved to approve the grant agreement and authorize Bobbi to sign it. Michele seconded – all in favor. The scope of work will need to be changed to reflect the new plan to replace the deck.

Park & Ride: The Board asked Bobbi to apply for a Park & Ride grant for lighting around the parking area and the side of the building. Bobbi will ask the Energy Committee for help in selecting solar lighting.

Tax Sale: Rich moved to authorize Bobbi to submit a minimum bid for each property. Michele seconded – all in favor.

Dog Complaint: The Town received a complaint from Tovar Cerulli about a dog that attacked his dog while they were walking on the Railroad Bed. His dog was leashed but the other dog was not. The Dog Officer has contacted the owner and they are aware of the ordinance and they have licensed their dogs.

Overshadowing: The Town was notified that a small fraction of the town garage property will be overshadowed by a neighbor's wastewater system.

Executive Session: At 8:00, Chris moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. The Board returned to open session at 8:20. The Board allowed employees to donate sick time to another employee.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll and authorized Rich to sign them.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the June 15, 2021 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
